## Sierra Nevada Conservancy NEWS RELEASE

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The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will hold its next Board meeting on December 6 and 7 in Chester, California. The meeting will begin with a field tour of the Lake Almanor and surrounding area at noon on December 6 (the tour departs from the Elks Lodge in Chester). On December 7, a Board business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Wildwood Center, 400 Meadowbrook Loop in Chester.

The SNC was created by legislation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2004. Its mission is to initiate, encourage, and support efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California. The Conservancy will provide funding, technical assistance, information and other community assistance in order to achieve its mission. The agency will coordinate and cooperate with local governments and other partners in developing and implementing its programs across 25 million acres from the Oregon border to Kern County (about 25 percent of the state). The region includes all or part of 22 counties and more than 200 communities.

SNC Chair, Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman urges area residents to attend the meeting and participate in the process. "We move our board meetings around the SNC Region so that the Board can better understand local issues, needs and concerns," Chrisman stated. "Public attendance and participation is a critical part of this process and we urge local citizens to take advantage of our visit to the magnificent Eastern Sierra."

At the December 7 meeting, the Board will consider selecting locations for regional office locations, review a proposed process for allocating Proposition 84 grant funds (the SNC will receive a total of \$54 million from the November ballot measure) and consider next steps in the creation of a Sierra Nevada License Plate. Legislation by Assemblyman Tim Leslie providing this opportunity was recently signed by the Governor.

Information about the Conservancy, including the meeting agenda and a copy of its Strategic Plan and Action Plan, can be found at <a href="https://www.sierranevada.ca.gov">www.sierranevada.ca.gov</a>.